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**Alexandra Building, Hongkong.**  
Hongkong, November 18, 1909. 1424

**CLAIM FOR MONEY LENT.**

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction,  
before Mr Justice Gompertz, this morning,  
Messrs L. Ruttonjee and Son sued C. J.  
Merchant for \$245 in respect of "bans  
advanced from time to time."

Mr Wilson, for defendant, asked for  
particulars. Money advanced "from time  
to time" was rather vague.

His Lordship—What do you want; dates  
and amounts?

Mr Wilson—Yes, my Lord.

Mr Ruttonjee, son—There are no more  
particulars than his own hand-writing on  
two items.

His Lordship—What have you got there,  
promissory notes?

Mr Ruttonjee—Yes, my Lord. I have  
promissory notes for \$170 and \$75.

His Lordship (to Mr Wilson)—Inspe-  
ction, I think, would satisfy you. These  
make up the amount.

Mr Wilson—Yes, my Lord; inspection  
will cover it.

The hearing was fixed for Friday next.

**ITEMS AT THE COURTS.**

Six fishermen were fined \$7 each by Mr  
J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy to-day, for  
fishing with dynamite.

An Indian guard of the Victoria Goal  
was sentenced to six months' imprisonment  
by Mr E. R. Halliday, at the Magistracy  
to-day, for stealing clothing value \$10 from  
the laundry of the goal.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on a coolie, at  
the Magistracy to-day, for an assault; while  
a native was sentenced to six weeks' im-  
prisonment with hard labour and four hours'  
stocks for stealing a piece of rope from the  
a. a. C. Ferd. Lunsay.

A case was called in the Court of  
Summary Jurisdiction this morning in  
which the Astor House Hotel sued John  
Grant for \$450. Neither party appeared,  
and the case was adjourned sine die.

The Hon. E. S. Montagu, Under-  
Secretary of State for India, speaking at  
Cambridge on February 27 said that an  
early appeal to the country was inevitable.

Speaking at a militia parade at New  
Haven, Connecticut, on the 21st February  
General Bell, Chief of the U. S. General  
Army Staff, stated that the United States  
would be compelled to enter upon a war-  
fare long in connection with the Far  
Eastern question, and it was, therefore,  
necessary for her to complete her pre-  
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Hongkong, March 2, 1910. 288

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Hongkong, November 12, 1908. 154

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Hongkong, March 1, 1910. 283

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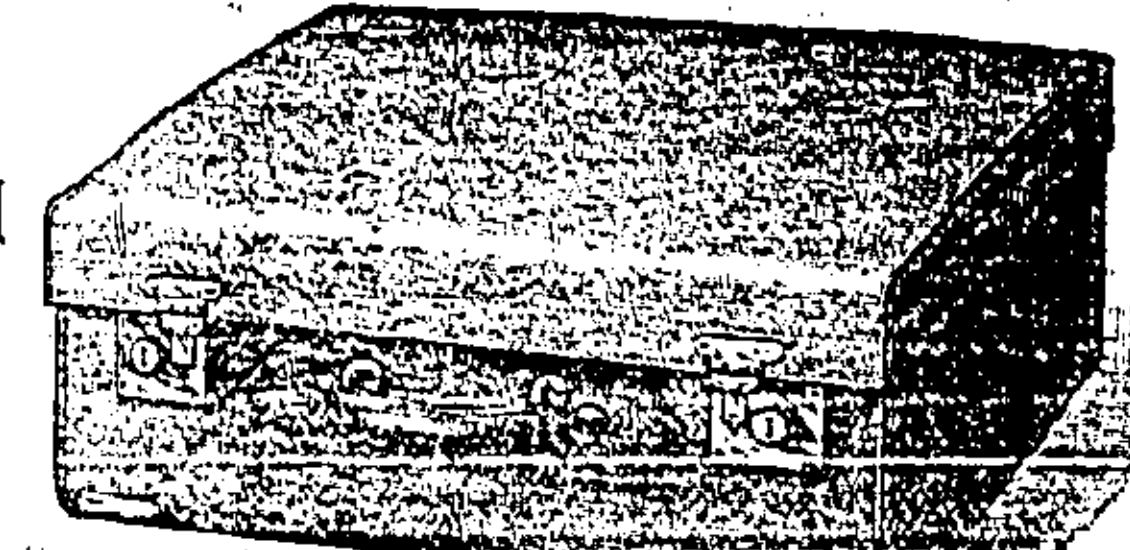
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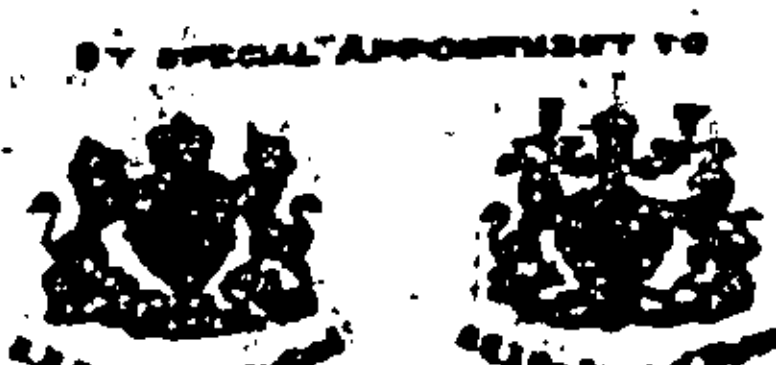
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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will be held at the Office of the Under-  
secretary at 12 o'clock (noon), on WEDNES-  
DAY, the 8th March.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 23rd inst.  
to the 3rd proximo, both days inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, February 18, 1910.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,  
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THE FORTY-FIRST MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company  
will be held at the Company's Office  
No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria,  
on THURSDAY, the 10th March, 1910, at  
12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of  
receiving a Statement of Accounts and the  
Report of the Directors for the year ending  
31st December, 1909.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from 1st March to  
10th March, both days inclusive.  
By Order,  
H. P. EICKMAN,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 17, 1910.

## THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS of the above Company will be  
held at the Company's Office No. 3, George's  
Building, at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 15th  
March, 1910, to receive a Statement  
of Accounts to the 31st December, 1909,  
and the Report of the General Manager  
and Consulting Committee and to elect a  
Consulting Committee and Auditor.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from 1st March to  
14th day of March, both days inclusive.

W. G. DARTY,  
General Manager.  
THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., Ltd.,  
Hongkong, February 28, 1910.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
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on SATURDAY, 12th March, at 12.30  
P.M., for the purpose of receiving the  
Directors' Report and the Statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-  
ber, 1909.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from 5th to 12th  
March, both days inclusive.  
EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 3, 1910.

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THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS of the Company will be held in  
the Office of the GENERAL MANA-  
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Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day  
of March, 1910, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.,  
for the purpose of receiving a Statement  
of Accounts and the Report of the General  
Managers for year ending 31st December,  
1909, Devising a Dividend and electing a  
Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from THURSDAY,  
the 18th March until SATURDAY, the  
19th March, 1910, both days inclusive.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
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Hongkong, March 3, 1910.

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On the *Geographical Journal's* map he  
crossed just between the letters "p" and  
"f," so he tells us, and followed up his  
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system of mid-Tibet by recrossing it in  
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affording himself the opportunity of making  
observations of incalculable importance to  
science, the bulk of which are in process  
of checking and tabulation preparatory to  
publication. It is thus not yet possible to  
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the scientific world, but in the book that  
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high mountain ranges, to which he has  
decided to give the name of Trans-Hima-  
laya. Some geographers are objecting to the title,  
but Dr. Hedin has no fears as to its ulti-  
mate general acceptance, as witness the  
characteristic rhapsody: "Go then out  
into the world, thou ringing and sonorous  
name for one of the world's mightiest  
mountain systems, and find thy way into  
geographical text-books, and remind child-  
ren in the schools of the snow-crowned  
summits on the roof of the world, among  
which the m' storms have sung their  
dramatic chorus since the beginning. As  
long as I live proudest memories, like royal  
eagles, will soar round the cold, desolate  
crags of the Trans-Himalaya." It was un-  
fortunate for Dr. Hedin that at the time of  
his visit the new Liberal Government had  
closed the path to Tibet from India after  
Colonel Younghusband's expedition to  
Lhasa. Lord Curzon had promised useful,  
almost indispensable, co-operation on the  
part of the Indian Government, and Lord  
Molay's subsequent refusal to allow a start  
to be made from Sialk came as a great  
shock to Dr. Hedin. But he was not cast  
down altogether. "Hope is the last thing  
one resigns, and so I still hoped that all  
would turn out well in the end. Failure spur-  
red my ambition and stretched my powers to  
the uttermost tension. Try to hinder me  
if you can, I thought; I will show you that  
I am more at home in Asia than you. Try  
to close this immense Tibet, try to bar all  
the valleys which lead from the frontier to  
the high plateau, and you will find that it  
is quite impossible. I felt quite relieved  
when the last peremptory and somewhat  
curt refusal came and put an end to all  
further negotiations. I had a feeling as  
though I was suddenly left in solitude  
and the future depended on myself  
alone. My life and my honour for the  
next two years were at stake—of course  
I never thought of giving in. I had com-  
menced this fifth journey with a heavy  
heart, not with trumpets and flourishes  
as on the former expeditions. But now  
it was all at once become my pet child.  
Though I should perish, this journey  
should be the grandest event of my life."  
He skirted the forbidden land till he could  
enter by way of Kashmir and Eastern  
Turkistan, began to form his caravan at  
Srinagar, and had brought it to full  
strength at Leh, where he bade a definite  
farewell to civilisation. He turned sharply  
to the eastward, crossing the Western  
Tibetan frontier with a band of brave and  
hardy fellows, whose portraits were given  
in the graphic words of their master.  
There is Muhammad Is, the caravan-  
leader, old servant of Carey, Dalgleish, de  
Rhinia, Younghusband, Rawlings, Ryder,  
and others, a hero of Asiatic travel, whose  
untimely death cast a prolonged gloom over  
the whole expedition, and who was buried  
in the shroud that Guffin, a lively youth  
of sixty-two, carried with him during the  
whole expedition in the event of a fatal  
accident to himself; there is Rehim Ali,  
too, who is rendered incapable of movement  
by fright, falls down flat before a charging  
yak, and has in a storm to be thrown out  
of the boat on Lake Lighten before he will  
beach her. There is also Shukuv Ali, the  
jester of the party, and the exemplary  
Gurkha whose nose had been bitten off in a  
playful tussle with a fellow-countryman.  
These men were of several religions; some-  
times changing from one to another.

## PERILS BY WATER.

From a score of thrilling descriptions I  
quote that which shows the reader how Dr.  
Hedin and Rehim Ali felt immediately  
after a narrow escape from death by drown-  
ing: "The water on the bottom of the  
boat turned to ice; my fur coat was as  
hard as a board, and was absolutely use-  
less. Hands and feet were stiff and had  
lost all feeling; we must get up again  
or we should be quite frozen. There was  
only one thing to do. In the shelter of  
the boat I took off my Kashmir boots  
and my stockings, and Rehim Ali sham-  
pooed my feet, but I felt no life in them  
till he had opened his chopkan and warmed  
them for a long time against his naked  
body. There was no sign of life any-  
where about. Amid the roaring of the  
surf we had to shout to make our-  
selves heard. How were we to pass the  
(Continued on Page 8.)

## Intimations.

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Commerce Section:  
Mathematics.  
Physics.  
Chemistry.

TEACHING CLASS:  
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Students should attend at the Institute  
to be enrolled on THURSDAY, March  
3rd, or FRIDAY, March 4th, between 6 and  
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E. RALPHS,  
Director.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1910.

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Island Lot No. 5, are situated on the South  
side of Junk Bay about nine miles from the  
city having a frontage of about 2½ miles,  
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No. 5 is situated about 400 ft. above the  
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There is in the district times of the year a  
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Police station is erected on a prominent  
spur commanding a view of the whole pro-  
perty. Further particulars of the property  
may be obtained from the Undersecretary  
to whom offers should be addressed not later  
than the 11th March. The Undersecretary  
does not bind himself to accept the highest  
or any offer for the property.  
HORACE PERCY SMITH,  
Chartered Accountant,  
Undersecretary,  
5, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, February 24, 1910.

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Hongkong, November 27, 1909.

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE,  
HONGKONG.TO THE  
OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the  
DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND  
VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended),  
every Domestic Building or part of  
such building within the WESTERN  
Division of the City of Victoria,  
compiled by Members of more than one  
family, except those within the European Re-  
servation or those parts of a domestic build-  
ing used as a shop, office or godown, must  
be CLEANSED and LIMBOWASHED  
THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the  
months of February and March.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in  
this notice means that the houses should be  
limbowed in respect of all the Walls of  
each Room, all ceilings, partitions, Stair  
Caisings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and  
the Under-sides of Roofs in Main  
Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters  
and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its Containing  
Walls limbowed up to the level of the  
first Floor.

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limbowed but must be Cleaned.

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W. BOWEN ROWLANDS,  
Secretary.  
Dated this 1st day of March, 1910.

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HUGHES & HUGH.  
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## General Memoranda.

MONDAY, March 7.—  
4 p.m.—Meeting of Licensing Board at  
Colonial Secretary's Office.

WEDNESDAY, March 9.—  
Noon—Meeting of the Hongkong Fire  
Insurance Co., Ltd. at Messrs Jardine,  
Matheson & Co.'s Office.

THURSDAY, March 10.—  
Noon—Meeting of China Fire Insurance  
Co., Ltd. at Co.'s Office.

SATURDAY, March 12.—  
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.  
at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s  
Office.

TUESDAY, March 15.—  
Noon—Meeting of the China-Bombay  
Co., Ltd. at Co.'s Office.

FRIDAY, March 18.—  
2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, &c. at "Isan Mar," Peak Road.

SATURDAY, March 19.—  
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island  
Cement Co., Ltd. at Co.'s Office.  
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of National Bank  
of China, Ltd. at Bank Office.

## The China Mail

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1910.

## THE AUSTRALIAN EUCALYPTUS.

It is often a matter of surprise to Americans that the "big trees" of the world-famous sequoia grove in California are not the tallest trees in the world. That honour belongs rightly to Australia, the original home of the blue gums, and very proud are dwellers under the Southern Cross of the distinction which the fact confers. Indeed it is not exaggeration to say that Australia can produce giants which are 150 feet taller than the monster trees of California. Some specimens of the *Eucalyptus amygdalina* reach to the great height of 480 feet, and specimens abound that are from 120 to 200 feet in circumference. The larger ones are practically of no use for commercial purposes, as the expense of cutting them down and splitting them up is so great that these monsters are actually passed by the thrifty lumbermen for the smaller ones that are more easily handled. And on the whole we are rather glad thereof.

The American Government recently commissioned a Mr. EUGEN R. YOUNG to report on the "Tallest Tree that Grows," and he has presented a preliminary statement in the *National Geographic Magazine* of Washington, which abounds with many interesting facts. "The *Eucalyptus mygdalina* is the tallest (if not perhaps the largest tree that grows," he says. "Specimens over 400 feet high are frequently found, while some have been measured towering up to 470 and 480 feet. The timber of these great specimens is easily worked, and, as it does not warp readily, is much used in carpentry." The method of felling these forest giants is rather different from that pursued elsewhere. The bottom of the *eucalyptus* is generally so gnarled and twisted that the men construct a rough, but safe, platform, averaging from 12 to 20 feet from the ground. Here, with their great long-handled axes and saws, they work and toil until the giant tree, that perhaps for over a thousand years has lifted up its head in that land of almost perpetual sunshine, is laid low.

But a better idea of the gigantic size of the tree is furnished when we state that in the side of one recently felled a hole was cut sufficiently big to provide accommodation for a kitchen and all its appliances wherewith to supply the needs of Lord Horfourt, then Governor-General of Australia, and his suite, during a visit to one of the regions where these gigantic trees abound in the State of Victoria.

"The *eucalyptus* tree is a genus of trees and shrubs of the natural order of *Myrtaceae*, embracing about 150 species. All but four of them are natives of Australia and Tasmania only. The *eucalyptus* trees are so abundant in many parts of Australia that over vast areas they are practically the only trees visible. The fact that the fully developed trees are destitute of symmetry and beauty robs the great Australian wooded regions of that attractiveness and charm which give such pleasure and delight to the primal forests of America."

The most striking characteristic of several varieties of the *eucalyptus*, as many people know, is that, while they do not shed their leaves, they slough off their bark in long strips every year. The leaves, which have a leathery appearance, contain a volatile oil with a bitter aromatic taste, which is used as a remedy for various diseases. "The *Eucalyptus globulus*, called the blue gum from its bluish-green leaves, is the variety most successfully grown in California. It has also been introduced and flourishes in India, Natal, Egypt, Algeria, and in various parts of Southern Europe and in some other warm countries. Although its introduction into California has been of but recent date, already its value to that State has been very considerable. Its growth has been so rapid that trees 50 feet in height and over a foot in diameter have developed from the small planting of a dozen years. Its rapid growth makes it a valuable acquisition to those lands where in so many instances there was such a great lack of forest trees of general utility. In California its timber is being extensively used for telegraph poles, railroad ties, for fencing purposes, and in the manufacture of some kinds of furniture.

"Some of the species of *eucalyptus* are much more valuable than others. There is also a great diversity both in their appearance and worth. One of the most valuable is the *Eucalyptus marginata*, popularly called the Jarrah wood. It grows to a great size and its timber is so hard that it is found to be especially valuable in the construction of the shipworms and borer that are so destructive to ordinary wood. Because of this quality it also enters largely into the construction of ships and is utilized in other marine uses. Some varieties of the *eucalyptus* yield a kind of astringent gum or resin called *vina*, while from others a species of manna—a hard, slightly sweet substance—is obtained in considerable quantities. As an antidote against malaria and as being valuable in warding off or dissipating malarial regions where malaria abounds, the *eucalyptus* has obtained a considerable reputation."

Strangely enough the *eucalyptus* does not flourish in Hongkong. Like the few specimens, very stunted, which have found lodgment on the Bluff at Yokohama, those growing in this Colony are very spindly representatives of the Australian forest kings and are of no use for making timber.

The Manila Polo team about to visit Hongkong will consist of Lieut. Swift, Capt. Mitchell, Mr. Edward Bowditch and Lieut. Armstrong.

The *Morning Leader* announces that the Liberal Government is seriously thinking of taking a referendum of the country in the matter of the Lords' veto.

It is stated by a Chinese report that the Dalai Lama's deposition was due to the Prince Regent's decision, as for several months past Resident Lien Yi had been reporting in the behaviour of the Pontiff, and Edieu had been issued warning the Dalai to act hand-in-hand with the Resident in carrying out reforms or his deposition would follow.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr W. H. L. Warriner and Mr F. J. de Rowe have joined the Hongkong Volunteers.

The new flagship of the China Station, H. M. S. *Minotaur*, is expected at Singapore on Sunday.

H. M. S. *Kent* has returned to harbour from Mira Bay, where target practice has been carried out.

The U. S. cruiser *New York* is to come out to the Philippines, replacing the *Charleston* as flagship.

The second term of the session in connection with the Hongkong Technical Institute commences on Monday evening.

A Volunteer Rifle Meeting is to be held at the King's Park Range on Easter Monday, March 23. There are six events, and entries close on March 24.

A grand farewell benefit performance is to be given to Little Sadie, Miss Myra James and Mr Sam Gale at the Victoria Cinematograph this evening when admirers will no doubt roll up in large numbers.

An excellent programme has been arranged for the social evening to be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 5th March, at the Y.M.C.A. The first will consist of musical items and the second part of a clever exhibition of conjuring.

The announcement that Lord Curzon has resigned the Lord Rectorship of Glasgow University is apparently premature. The students have decided to take a plebiscite whether they should accept his letter as a reasonable explanation.

The proposed Christian University for China will be located at Hankow if the scheme eventuates. The Secretary of the fund is Mr J. Leslie Johnston, Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and the bankers are the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Gunnery W. S. Hone and E. E. Ellis have been permitted to resign their membership of the Hongkong Volunteers, the former having left the Colony, Gunnery I. S. Gibson, having also left the Colony, is struck off the strength of the Corps.

It is understood that the commission appointed by His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard to consider the educational system of Hongkong recommend that the size of the classes be limited to forty pupils. A case is known where one master alone has nearly three hundred pupils under his care.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—  
G. C. Morson ... .. \$ 10  
J. F. Boulton ... .. " 10  
Weismann, Ltd. ... .. " 10  
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A. E. Bure ... .. " 5

"One of the last links with Thomas De Quincey has been broken by the death of Mr James Hogg, once a well-known figure in the publishing world of London. Mr Hogg at four score was a mine of literary gossip, and was naturally proud of his associations with so great a writer as the author of "The Confessions of an Opium Eater." He knew De Quincey in his lonely Edinburgh days, when the dreary critic and sentimentalist was in pitiful financial straits, and in 1896 he published a book—its full of information, rather clumsily handled, perhaps—entitled "De Quincey and his Friends." Mr Hogg was at one time editor of *London Society*.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

According to long-settled plans King Edward left England yesterday for Biarritz where it is expected he will spend the whole of March.

Shanghai was defeated in the Interport hockey match on Feb. 28, the final killing team from Tientsin making 3 goals to the 2 scored by Shanghai.

Mr H. MacArthur, who arrived in Yokohama early in the seventies, has just died in Japan after several years of precarious health. He was 65 years old.

Dr G. Campbell Morgan, of Westminster Chapel, London, has refused the invitation to the pastorate of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, with its stipend of £3,000 a year.

It is stated, says the *China Times*, that Mr J. O. P. Bland does not intend to return to China but will in all probability devote his undoubted journalistic abilities to enlightening the home-folk upon Chinese affairs, in the columns of a well-known London journal.

## A SPRAINED ANKLE.

As a rule a man will feel well satisfied if he can hobble around on crutches in two or three weeks after spraining his ankle, and it is two or three months before he is fully recovered. This is an unnecessary loss of time, for in many cases in which Chamberlain's Pain Balm has been promptly and freely applied a complete cure has been effected in less than one week's time, and in some cases within three days. Pain Balm is most widely known, however, for its cures of rheumatism. For sale by all chemists and stores.

## BYRE DIOCESAN REFUGE.

## Annual Meeting.

On Thursday afternoon His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, presided at the annual meeting of the Byre Diocesan Refuge, at the Refuge, Causeway Bay. There was a good attendance and amongst those present were Bishop Lander and Archdeacon Barnett.

Miss Pitts, in the absence of Miss Byre, read the annual report, which showed a record of satisfactory progress. Reference was made to the great appreciation of the new home, and the better health which the inmates enjoyed in comparison with the old place, and the report stated that the number in residence during the year had been forty. Thirteen had been admitted during the year, and a number of the girls had been happily married and others had been betrothed. The laundry had had 243 working days during the year, and in that time 63,064 pieces had been washed, an average of 261½ per day. Needlework had also been undertaken, and 66 suits of coolie clothing, 16 boys' suits, and 42 other garments had been made, while mending was also undertaken.

His Excellency said it was just two years ago, in January, 1908, that his wife presided at a meeting held at St. Paul's College, when it was decided to form a committee in order to carry on the work of the Refuge, which up to that time had been maintained by the almost undivided efforts of Miss Byre. They had both visited the place and witnessed the institution as it then was and they were very much struck with the difficulties and disabilities under which the work was being carried on. They were also struck by the devotion and pluck with which Miss Byre carried on the work.

Two years was not a long time, and yet he could see that day what remarkable changes had been made in the conduct of the institution. As a private concern under the auspices of the Missionary Society it was not very feasible for the Government to intervene, but as a public institution with a committee which included many of the ladies in Hongkong under the presidency of his Lordship the Bishop, it became feasible for the Government to place that building at the disposal of the Refuge with the kind consent of Mr. Bland and give a small grant and bring the institution into relation with the Registrar-General's Department and the Po Leung Kink. He did not pretend that the material assistance given by the Government had been at all substantial. For his part he did not think it should be. He thought an institution of that kind should not primarily depend upon grants-in-aid from revenue which was raised from the taxpayers, but that it should depend upon voluntary subscriptions and the personal efforts of those whose better fortune in life had placed upon them the sacred duty of defending those whose fortune in life had not been good. He was anxious for his own part that the institution should be placed upon a basis upon which the Government could afford at any rate its moral support, because he was well aware of the value which attached in the eyes of the Chinese, and rightly so, to the moral support of the Government. As an illustration of that they would have noticed that in the accounts just read there was an item, subscription from the Po Leung Kink, \$500.75. He looked upon that subscription as of far greater value than the actual number of dollars which it represented, because it indicated the recognition by the Chinese of that institution as co-operating with them and as being conducted on lines which the thoughtful Chinese could appreciate. It was for that reason that he suggested to the Bishop and Lady Lugard, when they consulted him on the subject over two years ago, that the institution should be placed on a basis of a public character. Miss Byre and her representative, Miss Pitts, and the committee had every ground for pride and pleasure in the results which had been achieved. He tendered to them his hearty congratulations and his tribute of admiration for the success which had attended their work. Instead of the dark and squalid rooms in which the Refuge was conducted formerly they saw that well-furnished building which he thought justified its name of a home, a home conducted by which enjoyed as they had just heard during the past year an income of about \$3,000, and which afforded every prospect of an enlarged and continued success and prosperity. He commended the institution to the support of the ladies of Hongkong, both British and Chinese. Its constitution was a guarantee that the work was being conducted on the best possible lines and that it was a great and noble work. A simple narration of the report and accounts just read formed a testimony more eloquent than anything he could say of the work which was being done in that institution. In conclusion, he moved the adoption of the report.

Bishop Lander, in seconding the adoption of the report, said he felt the work was a necessary one, as they knew there were unfortunate Chinese girls who through no fault of their own were there under very trying circumstances. In the report reference was made to the fact that he had advocated some further extension of the institution. He felt it desirable, as that was a Christian institution, that there should be a chapel where those who wished could attend the services. Some friends were collecting for that object, and the committee hoped that before long the chapel would be an accomplished fact.

The report was adopted. On the motion of Archdeacon Barnett, the following committee was constituted: President, Bishop Lander; vice-president, Mr Lander; committee, Miss Byre, Miss Pitts, Miss E. S. Fletcher, Mrs. Gresson, Mrs. Gennah, Mrs. G. Hastings, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Leale, Mrs. Stapleton, Mrs. Tooker, and Mrs. Turner, with Miss Byre as hon. secretary and Miss Pitts as hon. treasurer.

The work afterwards carried, and the institution was inspected by the visitors.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL NAVAL ESTIMATES.

PROVISION FOR FOUR DREADNOUGHTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, March 3.

A Supplemental Naval Estimate of £689,100 has been voted. Of this sum £457,000 is for four contingent Dreadnoughts. Replying to criticisms recently made by Lord Charles Beresford, Mr McKenna, First Civil Lord of the Admiralty, mentioned that the guns of the new Dreadnoughts will not be actuated by electricity.

## THE TIBETAN CRISIS.

## RUSSIA CONCERNED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, March 3.

A St. Petersburg telegram states that the Russian Minister at Peking has informed the Waiwupu that Russia cannot maintain an attitude of unconcern regarding the deposition of the Dalai Lama, the spiritual head of numerous Russian Buddhists. The Waiwupu replied that the deposition would not affect the administration or the religion of Tibet.

## BUDDHIST INDIGNATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
LONDON, March 4.

Reuter's Darjeeling correspondent wires that a mass meeting has been held by the Buddhist community at which a resolution was passed expressing indignation at China's treatment of the Dalai Lama and demanding his reinstatement. The resolution also requested the Emperor of China to withdraw his troops from Tibet and to remove His Excellency Lien, Chinese Resident at Lhasa.

(Wah Tse Yet Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 3.

The Russian Minister has made a representation to the Board of Foreign Affairs that the Dalai Lama should not be deposed until the Powers have been consulted and given their sanction.

## THE AMERICAN FLOODS.

## FURTHER DEVASTATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, March 3.

Owing to avalanches and floods all the northern trans-continental railways of the United States have been blocked. An avalanche at the Cascade Mountains caused a train smash in which sixty persons were killed.

## ROCKEFELLER'S MIL- LIONS.

## WANTS TO BENEFIT MANKIND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)  
LONDON, March 4.

A message from Washington states that Senator Gallinger has introduced a Bill in the Senate incorporating a Rockefeller Foundation for philanthropic work.

He explained that the amount of the endowment was not yet fixed but Mr Rockefeller was seeking for a method of disposing of his fortune for the benefit of mankind.

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## HOW TO SEE THE INVISIBLE.

## Interesting Astronomical Lecture.

Before a large attendance at the Union Church Library Club on Thursday evening, Mr. J. I. Plummer, M.A., of the Hongkong Observatory, delivered a most interesting lecture on "Spectroscopic Binaries" or "How to see the invisible." There was a time, said the lecturer, not so very long ago when astronomy was the most popular of the sciences and the reason, he believed, that this was not the case now was that it had progressed beyond the point to which the ordinary educated man could follow it intelligently and he was forced to leave the study of it to specialists. Again it had become very costly to pursue it as a hobby, the equipment of a modern observatory being such as would tax the resources of a millionaire, to say nothing of the equally necessary skill which required almost a lifetime to acquire. The lecturer proposed to take one or two points which at first sight appeared to be insoluble and to show how they yielded to persistent investigation, and with that object in view he had selected for his first experiment the movement of stars in the line of sight. These were commonly called fixed stars because from age to age they had occupied the same relative places so far as they could judge, and indeed so far, in many cases, as could be judged by the telescope, even after the lapse of many years. To these at least the term might be applied though it was probable that it was only the great distance and the limitation of their means of measurement that brought astronomers to such a conclusion. On the other hand there were a great number which were by no means fixed and after a lapse of a few years they found that they had moved by small but appreciable distances, and further that they maintained the same direction and speed, whatever that direction and speed might be, for long periods of time. Thus we came to speak of certain stars as having a large or small motion proper to themselves but it was really always very small apparently. This was the movement of the stars at right angles to the line of sight, and it was not the movement of direct approach or recession which was called motion in the line of sight, and only when it was united to a knowledge of the other motion, the motion at right angles to the line of sight, that we could say definitely in what direction a given star was actually tending. After illustrating this motion in very telling fashion, the lecturer went on to indicate a couple of elementary facts which he applied to theories later explained. The first was that when light passed through a small hole of any shape, whether it formed an image of the object emitting the light or not, the second was that when light passed through a large aperture it formed an image of the aperture itself upon a screen similarly placed. Happily there was another fact, the lecturer said, which was not so well known as the undulatory theory of light. It successfully explained every difficulty, and must now be considered as something more than a hypothesis. It stood today in precisely the same position as the theory of gravitation, and was certainly the true explanation of the phenomena of light as the fall of an apple to the earth was explained by the law of gravity. Mr. Plummer illustrated this theory in many ways. One was that they might cause a vibrating string to vibrate and a series of waves would proceed therefrom until they struck upon a sound, but however loud that sound might be, we were quite unconscious of anything approaching to a wind. There was no movement of the air itself, the transmission of its particles from one place to another, only a transference of a condition of things through the intervening space. We had no difficulty in understanding how sound travelled: why should not light travel in a similar way? When waves of a certain rapidity of occurrence were produced from whatever source, and impinged upon the ear we had a musical note travelling through air. When waves of a certain rapidity of occurrence were produced from whatever source, and struck upon the retina of the eye we had light of a certain colour travelling through some medium capable of conveying such very minute waves without loss of force, a perfectly elastic medium in fact, and a medium that must pervade all space. Was there such a medium in fact, and a medium that must pervade all space? Was there such a medium? Frankly, we could not say. It would seem to be required to explain the phenomena of light and we assumed that it did exist and called it ether. Dealing with the analogy of light to sound the lecturer said just as we understood that musical sounds of different pitch, that was, waves of different frequency of occurrence, may be impressed upon the ear at the same moment, producing a musical chord, so waves of light may combine into one apparently uniform light, and pure white sunlight was analogous to a grand diapason composed of all notes of the gamut in one harmonious chord. Mr. Plummer further elaborated on this point and went on to outline the dynamical spectroscopic methods of investigation. He emphasized that the effects of the motion of the stars upon the stellar light was actually seen by past astronomers even when the stars itself appeared to be perfectly immovable first point in the heavens. He claimed this as at least one instance of the fact that it was possible to see that which was invisible and to justify the secondary title he had given to the lecture. Teaching on binary stars the lecturer said that two stars were seen to be circling round each other, or to speak more accurately, when they were seen revolving around their common centre of gravity, these were called binary stars. This name had been given exclusively to

such pairs of stars to distinguish them from the more ordinary double stars, which were frequently in no way associated together but merely appeared to be close to each other because they were in or near the same line of sight as seen from our position in space. We already know of a great number of true binaries or associated stars, and their motions had been followed by the eye, aided by powerful telescopes, for many years. The new research, made possible by photography, had added to their numbers. But it was not to these that the term spectroscopic binaries had been applied, though it might with propriety be given to the case of a star seen to be circling round an invisible companion, as it being a binary at all had only been demonstrated by the aid of the spectroscopic. Another revelation had been given which was almost startling. The star Capella, the brightest star in the constellation of Auriga, was well known to all, especially perhaps to seamen. It had been examined repeatedly by the most powerful telescopes and had always been seen as a single bright star. No one ever suspected that it was really two stars so close together that they appeared as one. If it should be proved that there were really two stars, surely that would be a case of seeing the invisible with the highest powers of the telescope. And herein lay the greatest charm of astronomy and, indeed, of all enquiries that had nature for their subject. Nature was infinite. No sooner had we learnt that it was possible to determine with fair accuracy the velocity of the stars in the line of sight than we discovered that there were stars which at the same time were moving towards us and from us, and this could only be understood by the supposition that what we conceived to be a single body was really two bodies performing separately those opposite motions. Capella was such a star and was indeed the first of which this fact could be predicated. In conclusion, Mr. Plummer said the simple law of gravitation had long since sufficed to explain the motions of the stars that we can see as separate entities, it was really equally able to explain the motions of those we cannot see. At the close, the Chairman (Mr. W. G. Humphreys) voiced the thanks of those present to the lecturer for his most engrossing discourse.

## HONGKONG REGATTA AND THE CANTON ROWING CLUB.

It is not correct, as stated last evening, that the Victoria Recreation Club are accused by the Canton Rowing Club of arbitrariness in connection with the class of boats to be used in the forthcoming Regatta. The Hongkong Regatta is arranged by a special committee apart from the V.R.C., and any boats which this Committee may decide upon would have to be used by the V.R.C. like any other Club entering the regatta. The following letter from the Canton Rowing Club puts the matter in its proper light:—

[Copy of Letter received from Canton Rowing Club.]

R. L. BRIDGE, Esq.,  
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.,  
Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favour last inst., but have to inform you that, owing to the unimportant action of the Hongkong Regatta Committee, in arbitrarily debarring the Canton Rowing Club from competing for the "Hongkong Challenge Cup," of which they have been holders during the past two years, we have decided to cancel our proposed Regatta.—I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

E. LUND,  
Hon. Secretary.  
The deed of gift of the Hongkong Challenge Cup expressly states that "the boats to be used in the race must be similar in type and construction and must be passed as proper to be so used by the committee." Canton, we understand, contends that in former regattas this rule has not been complied with, the Hongkong Royal Yacht Club making the first departure and then the Hongkong Boat Club. Canton possesses a lighter craft to any used in Hongkong and they demand to the Committee of the Hongkong Regatta—ruling that the race must be rowed in the same class of boats by all competitors. It is a move regrettable, indeed, and we trust in the interests of true sport an honourable exit will be found.

## CLAIM AGAINST A MATE.

The case was mentioned in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, before Mr. Justice Gumpertz, today, in which the Kwok King Fat-suei George Thynne, late mate of the s.s. Derwent, and now residing at the Sailors' Home, for \$200, damages for goods disturbed, stolen or sold from the s.s. Derwent. Mr. Reader Harris was for plaintiff and Mr. P. W. Goldring for defendant.

## PRINTING AND STATIONERY BILL.

E. F. Xavier sued Alex. Almazoff, in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, today, for \$325, said to be due for printing and stationery. Mr. M. Reader Harris was for plaintiff and Mr. P. W. Goldring for defendant. Mr. Goldring said his client had informed him that the writ was not properly served. He found it on his desk when he came back from Canton. The position was a rather peculiar one. He (Mr. Goldring) was previously acting for plaintiff and was under the impression that he conducted to an agreement. Since then he had apparently gone to Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, and Harris—We have not consented, my Lord.

## PNEUMONIA.

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## SPORTING.

## The Calendar.

Saturday, March 5.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Musketry, 9 p.m.; trained men; all units.  
CRICKET.—Buffs Regimental Race Meeting.  
BOXING.—Contests at V.R.C. 8.15 p.m.  
FOOTBALL.—Hongkong Club v. H.M.S. Bedford.  
CRICKET.—League matches.

Sunday, March 6.  
YACHTING.—C.Y.C. 7th Club Race.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Church Parade at Union Church, 11 a.m.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Musketry; trained men, Parts 1 and 2; 2 p.m.

Monday, March 7.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Rifle exercise and squad drill; all units; Headquarters 5.30 p.m.  
LAWN BOWLS.—Annual meeting Kowloon Bowling Club, 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8.  
HOCKEY.—Hongkong Hockey Club v. Mahatma, semi-final Challenge Cup; Club ground, 4.15 p.m.  
POLO.—Manila v. Hongkong.

Wednesday, March 9.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Infantry drill; Commandant's Parade; Headquarters, 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, March 10.  
POLO.—Manila v. Hongkong.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Maxim gun drill; Quarry Bay, 5.15 p.m.

Friday, March 11.  
ATHLETICS.—Mahatma Sports.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Maxim gun drill; Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

Friday, March 12.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Musketry; standard test for all members; all day from 9 a.m.

Saturday, March 13.  
ACQUATIC.—Hongkong Regatta.  
BOXING.—Lewis v. Simms at City Hall, 9 p.m.

FOOTBALL.—Hongkong Shield Final.  
CRICKET.—Hongkong Club v. Garrison; Club ground.

Sunday, March 13.  
YACHTING.—C.Y.C. Cup Race.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Musketry; trained men, Parts 1 and 2; 2 p.m.

Monday, March 14.  
RIFLE SHOOTING.—Annual prize meeting China United Services Rifle Association, Kowloon City and King's Park ranges.

Saturday, March 19.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Annual inspection by Major General Broadwood. Parade at Headquarters at 2.15 p.m.

Sunday, March 20.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Musketry; standard test for all members not having done test; all day from 9 a.m.

Monday, March 28.  
ATHLETICS.—L.R.C. Annual Meeting.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Rifle range meeting at King's Park Range, commencing at 10 a.m. Six events.

Sunday, April 3.  
VOLUNTEERING.—Musketry; standard test for all members who have not completed musketry; all day from 9 a.m.

League Cricket.

CHARGENGOVER v. KOWLOON.

The following is the Chargingoover team in their league match against Kowloon on Saturday, at 2 p.m., on the Kowloon ground.—L. E. Lammet, G. A. Hancock, L. A. Rose, W. H. Vivas, J. D. Norris, R. F. Lammet, R. A. Carvalho, H. W. Patterson, P. Currie, R. Baes, C. J. Higginbotham.

H.K.C.C. v. TELEGRAPHISTS (LEAGUE MATCH).

The above match has been hurriedly arranged for to-morrow, the Club ground being otherwise disengaged. The following are expected to play for the Club: E. Irvine, J. Hall, A. C. Leith, H. R. Makin, T. E. Rogers, W. C. D. Turner, D. Ashby, H. S. Swadlow, J. McKenzie, R. F. Long, and H. R. Wells.

Football.

Hongkong v. H.M.S. Bedford.  
Hongkong Football Club team will meet a team from H.M.S. Bedford on the Club's ground on Saturday. The following will represent Hongkong:—Ken. Hamilton and McGubbin, Whitmarsh, Barlow and Gregory; Atcheson, Joseland, Kilby, Goldenberg and Claxton. Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

Rugby.

Hongkong v. ARMY.

In the Rugby challenge cup competition the Hongkong team met the Army on the ground of the Hongkong Club. The teams were:—

Club:—Shaw, Farrier, Kilby, Bailey and Oliver; Redburn and Claxton; Clark, Hutchison, Nelson, McIlraith, Robertson, Lester and Young.

Army:—Harrison; Capt. Groves Raine, Lt. Dagnall, Lt. Williams, Kelly, Frost and Macgregor; Capt. Loring and Lt. Whyte; Lts. Thicknesse, Aston and Allen, Edwards and Morgan.

Opening with two men short the Army followed up a quicky seen advantage and from a scrum near the Club's 25 they forced the ball forward and Thicknesse scored a try, but Edwards, who took the kick, failed to convert. The military kept up a hot bombardment but eventually Hongkong broke through their defence and from an opening by Kilby, Claxton opened the score for the civilians, McIlraith doing the needful. Another scrum followed from which Hutchison scored, McIlraith again converting. At half time the score was:—Hongkong, 2 converted goals, and one try; Army, 1 try.

In the second half the Club continued the aggressive and were not long in increasing their lead and this was followed by another through the instrumentality of Claxton. The Army endeavored to obtain a penalty but the Club men were the superior team and the final score was:—Hongkong, 6 goals and three tries, making 39 points, to one try, or three points.

Tennis.

A tennis tournament in connection with the Y.M.C.A. will commence about 15th March for Gent's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.

Shooting.

THE BULL-EYE CONTROVERSY.

It would seem that the controversy about the bull-eye target is not yet at an end. Recently a circular, signed by fifty of the best known rifle experts in the United

Kingdom, including six winners of the King's Prize, was issued to members of the National Rifle Association. The signatories declare that their sole object in issuing the circular is the future welfare of the Association as a national institution, which they consider is most seriously threatened at the present time. They point out that it has been decided by the Council of the National Rifle Association to substitute for all shooting at 500 yards range a multi-eye target. The innovation was strenuously resisted by many members of the N.R.A., and it is doubtful if the Council would have accepted it but for the threat of the Army Council to withdraw all official support. The circular proceeds to state that the introduction of this new target is admitted by the military authorities to be the thin end of the wedge, and it is intended that within one or two years the Army Council's revised memorandum, contained in the Musketry Regulations, 1909, shall be insisted on in its entirety at Bisley. "Can any shooting man," the circular asks, "realise a King's Prize under conditions such as are contained in the Musketry Regulations? Any and every competition conducted on such lines would be the wildest possible gamble." The signatories advocate the retention of the bull-eye for competitive purposes, and state that moreover, the changes proposed will handicap Colonial and Provincial competitors at the Bisley meeting as against Metropolitan riflemen who will practice at Bisley throughout the season, and the local knowledge so obtained will be of much greater importance than in the case at present.

## The Death of Jockeys.

It is said by turf writers in England that there is sure to be a scarcity of good jockeys in that country in 1910, so much so that Lord Rosebery's Nell Gow, the Derby favorite, is at present without a jockey good enough to ride his chances to win. Thoughtful observers of the turf in Great Britain think that the existing rules of racing are to blame for the scarcity of riders, because the apprentices allowance is withdrawn too soon.

## HYGIENE COMPETITION.

The results of the Hygiene Competition, instituted by Sir Matthew Nathan for Hongkong schools, are as follows:—

Percentage Marks obtained.	No. of schools.
Diocesan School.....	63.042 444 10
Ellis Kadoorie.....	61.28 429 10
Bellio Public.....	60.95 384 9
Saiyungin.....	60.14 421 10
St. Joseph's.....	58.67 410 10
Victoria Anglo-Portuguese.....	57.14 160 4
Italian Convent.....	54.71 383 10
Hollywood Road.....	52.00 384 10
Vincent.....	48.71 341 10
Queen's College.....	48.11 311 10
St. Mary's.....	34.78 103 4
Yumaiti.....	34.23 140 10

The maximum number of marks is 600.

## POEMS BY THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

[FROM THE NEW YORK "INDEPENDENT."]

Sushi soboru  
Lasho koto  
Sawayaka ni  
Motomahashi wa  
Kokoro ankeri

The thing we want  
Is hearts that rise above Earth's worries,  
Like  
The Son at morn, rising above the clouds,  
Splendid and strong.

Amakuni  
Tachisou an ni  
Shirakari  
Tami no narwai  
Susumi yuku yo wa.

I stand at morn.  
And view the smoke curling above the roofs,  
In greater volume, and thereby I know  
The age is one of growing industries.

Yo wo manori  
Kani no megumi wo  
Agoz kite  
Kuni no chikara no  
Masari yuku ni mo.

O man, look up, even in the hour of  
weal,  
When Progress leads the nation, and revere  
The grace of God that watches o'er the Earth.

Kumori naki  
Hito no kokoro wo  
Chikaya koto  
Kani wa sukyaku ni  
Tenshi miru.

When hearts of men  
Are cloistered, free from all defiling strain,  
The mighty gods, clearly beholding them  
Fill them with their pure light.

Ame wo urami  
Hito wo togamuru  
Koto mo anji,  
Waga ayamaki wo  
Omoi kasaba.

No need to bear  
Grudge against heaven, or wreak one's  
spiteful spleen  
Against one's fellowmen whom one reflects  
On his own errors.

Koto nasiki to  
Yorubu kokoro wa  
Naka naki ni  
Ada are yotomo  
Ayau kari keri.

The heart which thinks  
That all is well, and, therefore, lets itself  
Relax its guard doth stand in jeopardy  
More than the man that fights at mortal  
grips.

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China and Japan may join the tour at

Manila. The visitors will be taken to a

number of places in Queensland, New

South Wales, and Victoria, and an officer

of the Tourist Bureau, Sydney, will meet

them at Brisbane and accompany them

throughout. The whole of the expenses of

the trip are included in the price of the ticket,

and everything possible will be done to see

that those taking part will be thoroughly

well looked after. The fare from Manila

is \$100, which includes all expenses from

time of starting to conclusion of programme

on the 13th of July at Sydney, and return

steamer fare to Manila. Special fares from

Shanghai, Tientsin, Hongkong, Nagasaki,

Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, and Hankow, to

Manila for persons desirous of joining the

tour have been arranged. The climatic

conditions in Eastern Australia at the time

of year fixed for the trip are very agreeable,

the season being the beginning of winter.

Mr Charles Sturman, of the China and

Java Export Co., died suddenly in Shang-

hai on February 28. Mr Sturman, who

was one of the best known members of the

American community, had been with the

China and Java Export Co. (Messrs. Abo

Stein and Co. of New York) for twenty-

seven years, and came to the Far East

twelve years ago. He was a prominent

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